(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

State Government of Orissa's Proposal to Central Government for Flood-control

791. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has taken special steps to control floods in river Mahanadi, Tel and Ib if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State proposes to implement river interlinking projects and to construct barrages over river to control floods, if so, the details of the project with cost involved; and

(c) whether the State Government has submitted a proposal in this regard to the Central Government, if so, the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) As per the information received from the Government of Orissa, besides, the Hirakud Dam on river Mahanadi and some medium projects on its tributaries which are able to moderate floods in its downstream, projects like Lower Indra, Lower Suktel, Titilagarh etc. are in progress in the catchement of Tel river. On the river Ib, a reservoir project has been technically cleared by Central Water Commission. Besides, the State Government have also planned projects covering a catchment of 12,454 sq. Km. Thus, most of the catchment has either been intercepted or planned to be intercepted by reservoir projects. The Government of Orissa has also prepared a scheme for raising and strengthening of the embankments to cater to a flood of 14,00,000 cusecs.

(b) At present the State Government has not proposed any interlinking project and to construct barrages over rivers for flood control.

(c) No. Sir.